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Interview Summary	Application No.	Applicant(s)	
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	Phong H Nguyen	3724	

All participants (applicant, applicant's representative, PTO personnel):

- (1) Phong H Nguyen. (3) Allan Shoap.
 (2) Ruthleen Uy. (4) _____.

Date of Interview: 24 July 2003.

Type: a) ☒ Telephonic b) ☐ Video Conference
 c) ☐ Personal [copy given to: 1) ☐ applicant 2) ☐ applicant's representative]

Exhibit shown or demonstration conducted: d) ☐ Yes e) ☒ No.
 If Yes, brief description: _____.

Claim(s) discussed: 1.

Identification of prior art discussed: N/A.

Agreement with respect to the claims f) ☐ was reached. g) ☒ was not reached. h) ☐ N/A.

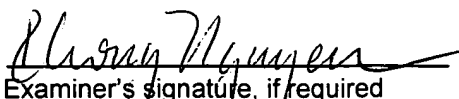
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(A fuller description, if necessary, and a copy of the amendments which the examiner agreed would render the claims allowable, if available, must be attached. Also, where no copy of the amendments that would render the claims allowable is available, a summary thereof must be attached.)

THE FORMAL WRITTEN REPLY TO THE LAST OFFICE ACTION MUST INCLUDE THE SUBSTANCE OF THE INTERVIEW. (See MPEP Section 713.04). If a reply to the last Office action has already been filed, APPLICANT IS GIVEN ONE MONTH FROM THIS INTERVIEW DATE, OR THE MAILING DATE OF THIS INTERVIEW SUMMARY FORM, WHICHEVER IS LATER, TO FILE A STATEMENT OF THE SUBSTANCE OF THE INTERVIEW. See Summary of Record of Interview requirements on reverse side or on attached sheet.


 Allan N. Shoap
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Continuation of Substance of Interview including description of the general nature of what was agreed to if an agreement was reached, or any other comments:

-To clarify the position of the Examiner regarding the Applicant's device 11 in Fig. 1, the Examiner regards the device 11 as a cutting device based on the submitted disclosure and the claim language.

-The Applicant will provide a response that attempts to prove the Examiner is incorrect in stating that a cutter is being claimed. It may be possible to amend the Specification and Claims to clarify that an electrical connector is being claimed, per se, and not a cutting apparatus with a connector structure. Applicant is advised against any insertion that may constitute new matters. It is noted that claim 5 defines a cutter in the process.

-Ms. Uy requested that the Office Action filed on 7/2/2003 be vacated. The Applicant has not provided any evidence that the Examiner's interpretation could not be correct based on the submitted Specification and Claims. This Office Action will not be vacated. If the Applicant is able to make a showing that the interpretation made by the Examiner is in error without any fault of the Applicant, a new non-Final Office Action will be provided. Otherwise, the Applicant should expect the next Office Action to be a Final whether based on the Examiner's or the Applicant's interpretation (including the possible application of new art based on Applicant's presented interpretation in the response).